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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Chairman, National Intelligence Council *BR*

FROM : 
National Intelligence Officer for Africa

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SUBJECT : Scholar Diplomat Seminar at State (U)

1. On 24-26 May I attended a seminar at State at which the majority of the participants were private sector political risk analysts. This was something of an experiment by State to bring these analysts to talk with the African Bureau heads. Represented were firms from all over the country, among them New York and Boston banks, Mobil, Bechtel, IBM, Arthur D. Little and the Battelle Institute. I found the sessions both helpful and interesting. In addition to the talks by Bureau heads and INR representatives, two sessions were of particular value. One dealt with a businessman's view of the prospects for the private sector in Africa and the other the case study of doing business in Africa. I talked to one session on business and changing political attitudes in Africa. Discussion in several of the sessions centered on ways to increase private sector investment in African countries friendly to the US and on the political climate in countries (such as Angola) where US investment and trade might possibly be increased. (U)

2. In my recent contacts with companies in Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York I have found them more than willing to share information with us. We are, of course, limited in the amount of information we can share with them. In many cases they have access to sources denied to us. A similar meeting under CIA auspices would be of considerable value to our own analysts; I am thinking of one for next fall. (U)

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